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Priority Lake and Watershed Implementation Program (PLWIP)

Background

The Priority Lake and Watershed Implementation Program (PLWIP) is a grant program designed to help managers of publicly-owned lakes protect, restore and enhance lakes and lake activities.

Program Funding

With the passage of Conservation 2000, funds were made available to the Illinois EPA's Lakes Unit. PLWIP grants are funded up to 100 percent to a maximum of $40,000 per project and are in the form of reimbursement.

Eligibility

Priority lakes defined are by the Illinois EPA as unique high quality aquatic resources and those which serve multiple purposes such as recreation and public water supply and/or lakes in need of protection or restoration. Protection and restoration projects may be shoreline erosion control, aeration, buffer strips, spillway repair or other best management practices within the watershed.

Terms of Grant

Terms include all recipients shall obtain required permits, complete quarterly and final reports, distribute a press release before and after project implementation, display a project sign for five years and maintain the project for 10 years.

Grant Application

PLWIP applications must be filed by the Illinois EPA on or before March 1 with funding being awarded by September 1.

Contact

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